

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this problem is also afflicting other important tourist spots in the country;

(d) whether the Government have taken steps to check it; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM(SHRIMADHARAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The tourist traffic to Kashmir declined to about 5,017 during 1991 as compared to 557,977 during 1989.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise

[English]

More flights in North-Eastern Region

179. DR. C. SILVEIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines propose to introduce more flights in the North-Eastern region during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM(SHRIMADHARAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The capacity presently provided by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot to/from stations in the North-Eastern Region is considered sufficient to meet the existing passenger demand.

Staff strength in Vayudoot

180. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the staff employed in the Vayudoot has nearly been doubled during the last four years while the fleet strength has actually gone down;

(b) whether the Government propose to reduce the staff strength to curtail the losses in the Vayudoot; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this regard:

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM(SHRIMADHARAO SCINDIA): (a) the details of the manpower and the fleet strength during the last four years in Vayudoot were as follows:-

Year	Fleet Strength	Manpower
1987-88	DO-228	10 1016
	HS-748	05
	F-27	04
	Total	19